

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following amendments in the following paragraphs as indicated:

Page 1, the paragraph beginning at line 5:

Linear motor cores are known which are formed of a stack of relatively long longitudinally extending strip laminations. Along one edge, the strip laminations have a plurality of teeth, typically all of a same width. At opposite ends of the lamination strip it is known to provide a termination tooth. Along the strip edge opposite the teeth, it is also ~~knew~~ known to provide part features, such as, for example "T-slots", which may receive a staking element or connecting element for aligning and connecting a stack of the straight lamination strips together.

Page 4, the paragraph beginning at line 23:

Rather, with the present disclosed system, the servo motor advances the strip a step distance corresponding to the spacing between each~~[,]~~ slot if one slot punch is provided, for example. If more than one slot punch is employed, such as 2 or 3, then the advance distance by the servo motor 101 will correspond to the step distance between each slot times the number of slot punches.

Page 5, the paragraph beginning at line 7:

As shown in Fig. 2, within the die 17 there are provided a plurality of punches. A main slot punch 19 forms the teeth of two adjacent linear motor laminations to be produced, with the teeth of each motor lamination facing each other when they exit from the die. Although only a single slot punch is ~~show~~ shown, it is within the scope of this disclosure to provide more than one slot punch.

Page 6, the paragraph beginning at line 1:

At the left side of the die 17 is provided the ~~cut-off-end~~ cut-off end contour punch. This ~~cut-off-end~~ cut-off end contour punch 24 is employed at the beginning and the end of each complete linear motor step lamination and has punch portions 24A, B, C, D for creating the end notches or slots 14A, B, has a central punch portion 24G, and an intermediate punch portion 24 with extensions 24E, 24F functioning as a separator punch portion between the opposite facing end teeth 13A, 13B.

Page 6, the paragraph beginning at line 9:

In one modified embodiment, the laminations exiting from the die 17 can be continuous and can be rolled into a coil. Thereafter, when the coil is unwound, the separate motor strip laminations can be cut from the roll. In this case, of course, the ~~cut-off-end~~ cut-off end contour punch is not employed, except at the beginning and end of the long strip forming the lamination coil.

Page 6, the paragraph beginning at line 9:

The separator punch 22 is activated when the slot punch 19 is activated to stamp out the region between each slot. When a beginning or end of a desired linear motor lamination is reached, the ~~cut-off-end~~ cut-off end contour punch 24 is activated.

Page 8, the paragraph beginning at line 19:

Activation of the ~~cut-off-end~~ cut-off end contour punch 24 is programmed to occur at the beginning and end of the linear motor strip lamination. The slot, separator, and part feature punches may be deactivated at this time. The servo motor can then receive a control command from the program control 18 to advance the strip a new step distance corresponding to a desired distance between the center

of the ~~cut-off-end~~ cut-off end contour punch and the middle of the last or first slot of the lamination strip.

Page 8, the paragraph beginning at line 7:

Thus with the disclosed system and method, the strip moves in a progression of step distances which can be changed at any time to a new step distance corresponding to the part feature or ~~cut-off-end~~ cut-off end contour punch to be activated.